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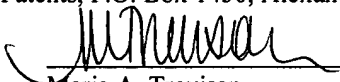
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ladner et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 31, 2003, Applicants hereby request entry of the following election.

**Election**

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-19), drawn to a cell display assay for obtaining a nucleic acid encoding a protein binding domain, as classified in class 435, subclasses 6 and 7.1, with traverse.

Applicants further elect, for examination purposes only, the following species:

- (a) a proteinaceous binding domain that is an antibody heavy chain; and
- (b) a target material that is human neutrophil elastase.